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My dear Son:

Yours of the 14th just at hand, acknowledging mine of 6th & 7th and telegram of 14th, and I telegraphed you immediately as follows: "Fourteenth received. Arrange for advance on Jamison assessment if you wish but say nothing now about increase of capital stock. Expect us certainly by middle March. My physician is keeping me here."

I did not intend the remark about the long time since I had received a letter from you as a criticism, for I know that you did not know where to reach me; it was simply ststing a feeling for which you were in no way responsible. Guess I am getting moody.

Your Mother has been better, and then took another cold from which she is rapidly recovering. She seems to take cold now whenever we have a cold spell of weather and we are just through with one and have tumbled into spring again. The delay in my leaving here is now on my part, but I do not think that it is possible that we shall fail to reach San Francisco by the middle of March; stopping a reasonable time at Tombstone on the way. Your Mother did get the letter you name and attended to it by proxy as she was then confined to her bed, although the full portion was not sent to Tombstone, but will go in my trunk. George R. helped me out in the matter by getting for your Mother a book for each of the children which went in his package and reached there in good time,

I have heard from George frequently of late both by mail and wire. They seem to be well but the place is terribly blue. The Oro Blanco party who offered to put up $2000. for a trial run if George would put up $1000. has not come to time although George agreed to meet it. I would rather they would not go on now, the amount of gold in that ore will not see them through with the present price of silver and lead, especially in view of the large per centage of zinc in the mine.

I am glad to have Meyers' letter, it shows the error in the reading on the part of both Bennett and myself. I did not remember the amount of capital which he stated would be necessary and misread the one twelfth. I do not know how I could have made such a mistake unless I read the letter without my glasses (which is probable) or that my eyes betrayed me at the moment; they have had a trick of that kind for some time past. As you say, the $1500. figures in your letter for the purchase money simply corrected itself. I shall be glad to talk over the whole matter with you when we meet.

Now regarding Jamison. If you think it best to do so, disregard what I have written with reference to advancing on account of next assessment, and arrange for the advance to the extent of $1000. and I will furnish it. I do not wish to avoid any responsibility which will enable us to press the work on that mine as far as possible by the next annual meeting; which I understand to be the first Monday in May.

I do not think it would be wise to make a suggestion to any of the Board or stockholders regarding the increase of the capital stock until we can effect an arrangement for getting in some of the still out-

lying stock, you will readily see the reason for this. What I intended was just what you have accomplished, that is to learn from Whitworth the "modus operandi" and the time, required for the increasing of the capital stock.

Regarding Bangor, I will stand responsible for anything which you have committed me to in the matter.

All of our family are as well as usual with the exception of the slight indisposition of your Mother which I have mentioned, and a little trouble of my own which will probably keep me here for another ten days.

Did I write you or did Ed. write you that he expects to go to Europe the middle of April and take Gertie and the children with him? He will return in time for the next term at the University and will pass his European trip mainly in Germany. The University authorities here desire him to make this trip and have given him leave of absence and advanced his salary to begin, however, only at the beginning of the next term. His full professorship perhaps will come in about the same way as my A.M. came from Princeton; he will visit the German Universities for a couple of months and I walked through the College buildings at Princeton with the President and two or three of the Professors, during the vacation at that. and they made me an A. M. at next Meeting of Trustees.

Dr. Taylor has withdrawn his permission for me to ride ad libitum as I advised you in my last, and now urges me to take it easy and spare my strength. I therefore fear that I shall not be able to go to Jamison this Spring, but anticipate going to the Mammouth. I shall also have to decline going to Oro Blanco with George, I think, although

that road is very smooth and the ride pleasant,but will need to go into the mines with Mr.Staunton.

I do not feel very brilliant this afternoon as I have had nothing but milk,a cup of coffee and two cups of tea for the last forty-eight hours and yet have been nearly as active as usual.

The Doctor does not expect to keep me exclusively on a milk diet beyond the time I remain here now,his object is to get me into condition to go as soon as possible. He assures me after a most careful examination that I am in unusual perfect condition for a man of my years outside of my kidney trouble,and my general good health is in favor of my pulling through.

Should you receive this letter before first of March,better telegraph me here,if not telegraph and write me to Tombstone up to 10th of March. If I am not in San Francisco by the 15th of March it will be because it is absolutely impossible for me to get there.

I am as ever,

Your affectionate Father,

W J Sharpney

P.S. John has been making good catches of sponge lately. The Tolleson bill reduces the I. duty from 20 per ct to 10 per ct.